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A TRUE COPY OF A LETTER

From an Engliſh Gentleman in the Emperour's Army, to an Engliſh Officer in *Holland*, concerning the Total Rout of the Turks, by the United Forces of the Chriſtians, Commanded in perſon, by the Emperour, the King of *Poland*, and Duke of *Lorain*.

I Cannot expreſs my ſelf in words ſuitable to the great deliverance it hath pleaſed God to give the Nation, and Empire of the Germans, from the Cruelties and Barbarieties it groaned under, by the Savage Violences of Turkiſh Infidels, in Conjunction with a worſe ſort of Men than themſelves, who outwardly pretend a Belief of the Bleſſed *Jeſus* when at the ſame time, their Power, Induſtry, and Council tends to no leſs than the Total Extirpation of Chriſtianity, and the ſetting up its common Enemy Mahumetiſm; under the ſame Notion of the old Rebels in *England* (*Viz.*) (for the True *Proteſtant Religon.*) There being in the *Hungarian* Nation two Sects of Proteſtants, *Viz.* *Lutherans*, and *Calviniſts*, the latter of which, claiming the ſaid *Epithet* under the Banner of the Horrid Impoſture and great Idol of the Eaſt (*Mahomet*) I could do no leſs than make this little ſhort Reflection, becauſe it to me ſeems a Remark of ſo near a Parrallel with ſome practices in my own Country, the Reſpect I bear to it, would not ſuffer me to be ſilent in the ſaid particulars.

The King of *Poland*, with a Royal Army attending him, arrived at our Camp, the Emperour having cauſed all neceſſary Proviſions, to be made for his Royal Majeſties Reception, before which, ſeveral conſiderable Reinforcements, were arrived, being part of the *Auxiliary* Troops of the Empire, of which great Numbers are on their March from all the Remoteſt parts of the Empire: immediately after his Majeſty of *Poland* was arrived a great Council of War was held in the Emperours Tent; which being ended, prayers were publickly offered throughout the Camp, for a Succeſs upon the Endeavours of the United Arms, of the Chriſtians againſt the Turks

Turks and Infidels, which being ended, immediately the whole Army, by Order, was on its March towards the Enemy; who lay in Seige before *Vienna* according to common Computation 150000 ſtrong at leaſt: the Army marched in three Batalias, the Body Commanded by the Emperour in perſon; the right wing by his Majeſty of *Poland*, and the left by his Highneſs of *Lorain*, in which poſture we marched with all imaginable Silence towards *Vienna*: The City having at the ſame time notice that we were approaching, and as ſoon as we came to diſcern the Enemies Leagure, the City gave us a Signal, which in half an hours time was ſeconded with a Reſolute ſally; in which many Thouſands of the *Turks* were ſlain, with very ſmall loſs on the Chriſtians ſide. The *Turks* ſeeming to be in great Conſternation upon the ſight of the unexpected numbers of the Chriſtian Army, before the ſaid Salley was ended, part of Our Army under his Highneſs of *Loraine* were engaged and ſoon after the Groſſe of both Armies, the diſpute being for ſeverall hours very ſharp and hot; but in the end it ſo pleaſed God, that our Arms prevailed againſt the Infidels we having kill'd above thirty Thouſand upon the ſpot, and taken near half as many Priſoners and all their Artillery and Baggage which vvere very great and numerous and Totally broke the vvhole Army of the Turks, vvhich our Horſe continue to purſue vvith great ſlaughter, and all this was done by the Aſſiſtance of the Almighty with inconſiderable loſs on the Chriſtians ſide, and it is the opinion of moſt of our Experienced Commanders here in Camp, that very few of the Turks will Eſcape of being taken or killed. The Enemy being fled divers of our Officers went into the City and great numbers of the Citizens came to veiw our Camp, their countenances beſpeaking they had been neither in fear of the Enemy nor any want of neceſſary Proviſions. We are now buſied in deſtroying the Enemys works about the City; and in my next I may give you a more particular Account of the whole Affair: in the mean time be pleaſed to accept of this, as from your much Obliged and Faithfull Friend.

and Servant

A Whitebrook,

Imperial Camp near
Vienna, *Aug. the* 31th.

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